(b) the reasons for not granting approval to the said projects and by when these projects arc likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The details of prioritised tourism project proposals received from Government of Bihar during the last three years arc as under:

Year	No. of projects received	No. of projects sanctioned
1998-1999	16	15
1999-2000	16	7
2000-2001	17	16*

*This includes 6 projects which fall in Jharkhand.

(b) Incomplete/deficient projects or projects for which clarifications were not received timely from the State Government could not be sanctioned. Such projects can be considered for sanction when these are reprioritised in the subsequent financial year.

Declaration of birthplace of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as National Monument

452. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to declare Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth place as a National Monument;

(b) if so, what is total amount sanctioned to protect the building; and

(c) whether the building has already been taken over by Government?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, State Government of Orissa is aiming to convert the residence of Netaji

Subhash Chandra Bose into a Memorial Museum of National standard with the partial assistance of Central Government.

Monuments damaged in earthquake in Gujarat

453. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments damaged in the recent earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) the number of monuments totally damaged and the number of monuments partially damaged;

(c) whether help from any institution or organisation sought for reconstruction of those monuments; and

(d) if so, which arc those institutions/organisations and what kind of assistance, the ASI is going to get from them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Out of the monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in Gujarat, sixty eight monuments have been damaged partially whereas two have been totally damaged in the earthquake occurred in January, 2001.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Docs not arise.

Steps taken to improve Tourism

454. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry during the last two years to improve tourism in the country;

(b) whether any proposal from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, to adopt open sky policy to attract tourists all over the world is pending before the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of such policy?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE